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TO : Staff C/OSO, Attention: OCO   DATE: **NOV 8 1950**

FROM : Chief, Special Security Branch

SUBJECT: LAUNAGS, Alfreds (Ve-ags)
#46,004

     This Office has been requested by OPC to take appropriate action towards recommending the issuance of a security clearance so that the Subject named above may be used as an agent and cut-out on an approved project in Sweden or Germany.

     It will be appreciated if you could furnish the identity of persons who are available for interview in the United States, or assist us by obtaining information from your headquarters or abroad, consistent with your facilities, relating to the character, honesty, reliability, and political beliefs, if any, of the Subject.

     A check of the records of IID/OSO was instituted on 6 November 1950, but to date no information has been received.

     Available biographical information indicates that Subject was born in Latvia on 7 June 1919. He is married and at present reportedly resides at Folktandvarden, Hid, Sweden, with his wife who is a dentist and known professionally as Dr. T. Launags. Subject studied agriculture at the Latvian University, and joined the anti-Soviet underground in 1940. In March 1943 Subject was arrested by the Gestapo and served a prison term in Valmiera. He joined the Latvian National Guerrilla organization in late 1944 and went to Sweden in August 1946.

     We have been advised that the Subject is not aware of CIA's interest in him, and it is imperative that nothing be done to alert him or others of the interest of the United States Government, and in particular the interest of this Agency. Therefore, it is suggested that any sources contacted abroad be those in whom you have full faith and confidence.

     Please forward any information obtained to us as soon as possible.

     FOR THE CHIEF, INSPECTION AND SECURITY STAFF: